

ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Control No. 456918
EIC-D-123/2
Approved by EIC
20 December 1955

General Concept and Functions of EIC Subcommittees

A. Concept of EIC Subcommittees

1. The EIC subcommittees provide an organizational framework for carrying out the basic review and coordination responsibilities of the EIC. They assure periodic review of problems of economic intelligence for defined fields of economic activity by professional and technical personnel with responsibilities in each of the fields.
2. Production of interagency intelligence reports through the EIC is undertaken only as required and by ad hoc working groups rather than by standing subcommittees.
3. Active participation by agency representatives in the various subcommittees will depend on the following:
 - a. The extent to which the agency concerned has production responsibilities in the field of the subcommittee;
 - b. The extent to which the agency concerned has an interest in intelligence studies and estimates of broader scope which involve reference to matters within the scope of the subcommittee; and
 - c. The availability of qualified personnel.

B. Minimum Functions for EIC Subcommittees

1. To provide a standing group of professional and technical personnel for discussion of problems of interagency concern and to inform each agency representative of intelligence research efforts undertaken in other parts of the intelligence community in the specified field.

[REDACTED]

2. To facilitate periodic review and evaluation of the state of finished intelligence, identify significant research and collection deficiencies and recommend remedial actions.
3. To provide, as needed, facilities for review and comment by representatives of the several participating agencies on draft reports prepared by member agencies within the field of interest of the subcommittee.
4. To facilitate review of proposals for external research in accordance with the provisions of DCID 15/1.

C. Additional Functions for EIC Subcommittees

1. To assist the various agencies in the programming of research in order to minimize duplication and assure as effective a distribution of research effort as is practical in view of each agency's responsibilities.
2. To provide an opportunity for the review and comparison of methodologies utilized in research in the field covered by the subcommittee.
3. To provide an opportunity, where appropriate and practical, of obtaining closer agreement on selected basic statistics within the field of competence of each subcommittee.
4. To bring to the attention of the EIC current problems and requirements for coordinated research which are recognized by the members of the subcommittee.

D. Conclusions

1. All EIC subcommittees are expected to fulfill the minimum functions outlined in paragraph B. Subcommittee meetings should be held only with well-prepared agenda.
2. The extent to which the additional functions outlined in paragraph C are fulfilled will vary as among subcommittees depending on the degree of interagency interest. Unless specifically directed by the EIC the decision to undertake any of the additional functions is a matter for determination by the individual subcommittees.